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Legislator Browning Joins Habitat for Humanity & Ogunnoiki Family for Wall Raising Ceremony

Former County Property Will Become New Owner Occupied Home in Mastic Beach



Pictured left to right: Site Supervisor Ryan Parsons, Legislator Kate Browning, and future homeowners Olabisi Ogunnoiki and her son Tobor.

Mastic Beach, NY – Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) celebrated with future homeowners Olabisi Ogunnoiki and her son Tobor as the first walls of their new home on Maywood Drive in Mastic Beach were raised this past Saturday, February 21, 2015. The project was made possible through a partnership with Suffolk County and Habitat for Humanity.

The property at 85 Maywood Drive in Mastic Beach was one of ten properties that Suffolk County transferred to the Village in late 2012. At the time Legislator Browning touted the plan for its potential to, “prevent speculation on future rentals, and provide middle-class families with an opportunity to achieve the American dream.” Had the property not been transferred to Mastic Beach Village through the 72-h program, it would have been auctioned off to the highest bidder. Since first taking office Legislator Browning has successfully fought to prevent dozens of properties from being sold at auction in order to eliminate future problems created by slumlords that target County auctions.

“We must continue to turn neglected and blighted properties into positive assets for communities, and the 72-h program does just that,” stated Legislator Browning. “It is amazing to see new homeowners who can help improve their community move into homes that could have otherwise been problem rentals that bring down the quality of life in the surrounding area. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the Village and Habitat for Humanity.”

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